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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PGOV, PFOR
SUBJECT: FOREIGN LAWS ON QUESTIONABLE PAYMENTS

REF: A) STATE 094647, B) 75 MVD 3987

1. IN RESPONDING TO REF A, WE SOUGHT ADVICE FROM EMBASSY LEGAL ADVISOR. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THIS ADVICE, WHICH WAS JUST RECEIVED. ANSWERS KEYED TO DEPTEL.

A. GOU PENAL CODE PROVIDES FOR CRIMES AGAINST PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, INCLUDING BRIBERY AND MALFEASANCE. THE GIVING OF MONEY OR OTHER THING OF VALUE TO A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE WITH THE INTENTION OF INFLUENCING HIS ACTION IS ILLEGAL. THIS IS SO EVEN IN THE EVENT THAT THE ACTION DESIRED IS ITSELF LEGAL AND ONLY PART OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE'S REQUIRED DUTIES. BRIBERY IS A CRIME FOR BOTH GIVER AND RECEIVER.

B. THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT FOR DISCLOSURE PER SE, HOWEVER ANY ACTION TAKEN TO WITHHOLD INFORMATION KNOWN OF ANY CRIME IS ILLEGAL. MOREOVER, ANY PERSON CALLED IN A CIVIL OR CRIMINAL CASE WHO REFUSES TO DISCLOSE FACTS RELATED TO BRIBERY WOULD COMMIT PERJURY AND/OR CONCEALMENT.

C. AS INDICATED IN REF B, THERE ARE NO PROVISIONS COVERING THE INVOLVEMENT OF AGENTS IN SALES OR INVESTMENTS WITH THE
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D. THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY INDIVIDUALS OR PRIVATE CORPORATIONS. IN FACT, THE LAW SPECIFICALLY ALLOWS AUTHORIZED POLITICAL PARTIES TO RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS. CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

E. THERE ARE NO LAWS OR REGULATIONS REQUIRING DISCLOSURE OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

F. RESPONSE TO THIS QUESTION NOT YET AVAILABLE.

2. EMBASSY FORWARDING COPIES OF RELEVANT LAWS TO L/PM.
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